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NAZIS GAIN GROUND IN COUNTER PUSH

ISLAND COUPLE BURNED IN FIRE AT HALIFAX

R. A. F. Heavies Bomb Ulm

LONDON, Dec. 17 (CP) — Heavy bombers of the R. A. F. tonight bombed Ulm, German industrial and railway centre, following daylight American heavy bomber raids on Austria and a tremendous outbreak of air combats over the Western Front.

It was the R. A. F.'s first raid on Ulm, on the Danube between Stuttgart and Munich. Results were not immediately assessed.

Ulm's factories produce tanks, armoured vehicles and a large portion of Germany's fire-fighting equipment.

The Lancasters went aloft after a day of unfavorable weather over the continent had kept British-based American aircraft grounded.

Coming Events

- Suffolk School Concert, Dec. 12-9-13.
- Christmas Concert, Milverly Hall, December 19th, 12-18-11.
- Bradabane Rural Concert in the Hall, December 18th, 12-18-11.
- Christmas Concert, Vernon Hall, December 22nd, 12-18-11.
- Hunter River Concert, Thursday, December 21st, 12-18-11.
- Christmas Concert, Rennie's Road School, Tuesday, December 19th, 12-18-11.
- Buyls live and cressed poultry, Pagan on market prices, 12-18-11.
- Paving highest prices for dress materials, 12-18-11.
- Christmas Concert, Cherry Valley Hall, December 21st, 12-18-11.
- North Milton School Concert, Wednesday, December 20th, 12-18-11.
- Christmas Concert, Vernon Hall, Wednesday, December 19th, 12-18-11.
- Christmas Concert, York Hall, Wednesday, December 20th, 12-18-11.
- Envalde Concert and Dance at Lot 65 Hall, Tuesday, Dec. 12-11-18.
- Christmas Concert and Dance, Orwell Cove Hall, Tuesday, December 19th, 12-18-11.
- Christmas Concert, Fredericton Hall, Tuesday night, December 19th, 12-18-11.
- Christmas Concert, Hampton Hall, Wednesday, December 20th, 12-18-11.
- Eidon School Concert, Belfast Hall, Wednesday, December 20th, 12-18-11.
- Christmas Concert, Donagh School, Tuesday, December 19th, 12-18-11.
- East Royalty Christmas Concert at Heartz Hall, December 21st, 12-18-11.
- Christmas Concert in Mt. Allison Hall Monday, Dec. 18 starting at 8.30, 12-18-11.
- Christmas Concert, Salvation Army Citadel, Tuesday, Dec. 19, 12-18-11.
- Christmas Concert, Cornwall Hall, Wednesday, December 20th, 12-18-11.
- Mayfield School Concert and Social, Wednesday evening, December 20th, Ladies with Pies, 12-18-11.
- Just arrived. Car asphalt, tires and paper. Lowest prices. Daily unloading. P. J. Noy & Co., 12-18-11.
- Warren Grove Concert in North River Hall, Tuesday, December 19th. Sale of lunches by W. J. Miller, Worshipful Master, 12-18-11.
- Unloading car of feed and four Tuesday and Wednesday. L. S. Seaman, Bradabane, 12-18-11.
- Springvale School Concert Tuesday, December 19th, 12-18-11.
- Christmas Concert, Wheatley Hall, Tuesday, December 19th. If not fine Wednesday, Dec. 20th, 12-18-11.
- New double and single wood, double runners and shaft plank, family and driving sleighs. Clin Morrison, Fredericton, 12-18-11.
- We still have some Hog Concombre at reduced prices, a good stock up for winter feeding. Swift Canadian Co., Charlottetown, 12-18-11.

Fish Exports Set Records

OTTAWA, Dec. 17 (CP) — Today that exports of fish products are reaching to new records in dollar value.

Exports during the 10 months ending October were worth \$52,019,000, nearly \$5,000,000 above the figures for January-October, 1943.

Canada's importations of fishery products in January-October, 1944, were valued at \$400,000.

So far as exports are concerned, the 1944 figures have been still greater if the Dominion had been able to supply all the fish that other countries wanted, officials said. There were larger outlets for fish products in those 10 months than world production could supply.

Press Gallery Honors Prime Minister King

OTTAWA, Dec. 17 (CP) — Prime Minister Mackenzie King, who was a reporter in his youth, last night was received back into the Fourth Estate when the Parliamentary Press Gallery, on the eve of his 70th birthday, presented him with a life membership at a dinner in his honor.

Presentation of the life membership card, inscribed in gold, was made by R. K. Carnegie, Ottawa superintendent of the Canadian Press, speaking as immediate past president of the gallery. He said that King's membership in the gallery was a fitting honor bestowed on him. Mr. King had remained "one of the people; he has lived in his house by the side of the road and been a friend to man."

At a special meeting during the dinner, Mr. King, who made Charles Bishop, correspondent for the Southern newspapers and senior Ottawa Parliamentary reporter, the toast, presented the life membership to Mr. Bishop as his first duty after becoming a gallery member.

H. R. Armstrong, gallery president and Toronto Star correspondent, presided at the dinner which was attended by nearly 100 gallery members, former members and their wives.

Mr. King, thanking the gallery, spoke of the record, recalling his association with Parliamentary reporters during his 23 years as Liberal leader and Prime Minister for 17 years.

U. S. Troops Fight In North Burma Area

BHAMO, Northern Burma, Dec. 17 (AP) — American infantry and artillery troops known as the "Mars Task Force" are fighting in the North Burma area and advance elements of this unit are closer to Mandalay than any other Allied forces in Burma, it was disclosed today.

The U.S. force is under the command of Brig.-Gen. John P. Willey of Hampton, Va. The first news that American ground troops were fighting alongside the British and Chinese troops was released after one American unit made contact with the Japanese at Tonkwa, 55 road miles south of Bhamo and some 120 miles north of Mandalay.

Yanks Push Inland On Mindoro Island

581 Jap Planes Put Out Of Action In 4 Days.

MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS

PHILIPPINES, Dec. 17 (AP) — Practically sweeping the Philippines skies clean of Japanese planes United States Army and Navy fliers have kept enemy aerial threats in check while ground troops have pushed seven to nine miles inland on a broad front on Mindoro Island.

Reports from the far-ranging American Army and Navy airforces indicated that 581 Japanese planes had been put out of action in the last four days.

Within 24 hours of the Mindoro landing on Friday, the town of San Jose was taken and airfields within five miles of the beach were captured. Gen. MacArthur reported that American and Australian construction engineers began work on the airstrips, preparing them for day and night flights.

The airfields are less than 150 miles from Corregidor fortress in Manila Bay.

Associated Press correspondent Robert James with Vice Admiral John S. McCain's carrier task force, operating under Admiral Halsey's 3rd Fleet, reported 435 planes shot out of action on the island, said James, 61 were shot out of the air, 207 were burned on the ground and 167 were damaged.

McCain's carrier also accounted for 30 vessels sunk and 57 others damaged. Two of the sunken ships were transports and two were medium-sized oilers.

MacArthur's aviators added to this list of ships sunk: 1 destroyer, 1 ammunition ship, 3 coastal vessels, 1 tug and four barges damaged, one 1,000-ton tanker a gunboat and sank or damaged four small cargo ships and 11 luxers.

Fire Damages Ships At Pier

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., Dec. 17 (AP) — Fire damaged a pier and a ship moored beside it at the Hampton Roads port of embarkation today.

Unofficial reports, not immediately confirmed by the United States Army, said several persons lost their lives.

In releasing a statement concerning the fire late today, public relations officers said loss of life "so far as known late Sunday" was limited to one merchant mariner who leaped from the Liberty ship and was swept away. Of the 11 injured enough to be taken to hospital, they said, two had "serious, but not critical, burns."

The fire, which broke out at 2:30 a.m. when the gas tank of a lift truck loading cargo in a freight car was accidentally punctured, "completely destroyed" an 800-foot pier owned by the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, before controlled by Newport News City Army five fighting equipment, aided by 31 fireboats. With it went 40 railroad cars and an undesignated amount of pier equipment and cargo.

Relax Restrictions On U.S.-Born Japs

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (CP) — The War Department today relaxed its order excluding from the United States west coast.

An announcement by the Army said that the revocation order was issued by Maj.-Gen. Henry C. Pratt, chief of the Western Defense Command, with the approval of the War Department.

"Favorable progress of the war in the Pacific, as well as other developments," was given as the reason for the revocation.

The revocation order provides that any person of Japanese ancestry about whom information is available indicating a pro-Japanese attitude will continue to be barred from the coast states.

More than 115,000 persons of Japanese ancestry were evacuated from strategic areas on the west coast of the States of California, Washington and Oregon. The majority of them eventually were transferred to relocation centres located chiefly in the mountain states including Arizona, Utah, Wyoming and Colorado.

Sailor Is Fatally Injured At Halifax

HALIFAX, Dec. 17 (CP) — An accident aboard a naval vessel resulted in the death here Saturday night of leading stoker William P. Madden, 26, of Toronto.

The sailor was reported to have been injured in a fall.

The body was forwarded by train tonight to Toronto, where the victim's father, John Madden lives. The seaman's wife is Evelyn Madden, formerly of Sydney, N.S.

War Situation Last Night

By KIRKE L. SIMPSON, Associated Press War Analyst

There is no rift in the war clouds gathering over Germany as the Christmas season draws near.

The people of the besieged Reich could see nothing but portents of coming total defeat in the battle front news. Only in the inter-Allied policy and political discords could they find a ray of hope that the resistance their Nazi masters have decreed for them might conceivably win for them something less than unconditional surrender.

That hope probably is illusory as the reliance the Germans placed in robot bombs to turn the tide of defeat. Whatever the divergence of views between London, Moscow and Washington as to an interim treatment of liberated or half-liberated nations in Europe or as to post-war European boundaries or peace plans, big three unity in military action against the common foe still is the dominating factor on European battle fronts.

That was patent in the events that have brought elements of six Allied armies in the west on to German soil from the Karlsruhe corner on the central Rhine to the Arnhem gawp in Holland. It was clearly demonstrated, too, in the Russian sweep through Hungary to clutch closely at doomed Budapest and threaten Vienna.

Implicit in the tangled and troublesome situation in Greece which has brought the Churchill Government under fire and British troops of liberation into armed conflict with Greek factions are circumstances which set it apart from the Anglo-American rift over Italian political developments. Liberated Italy south of the Allied-Nazi battleline is a military zone of action only in the sense that Allied supply lines far behind the front run through it.

The implication is that Greece, Belgium and Holland are still strictly military operations theatres in Allied eyes and that order must be maintained by military force if necessary.

Faenza Captured By New Zealanders

By Sid Feder

ROME, Dec. 17 (AP) — New Zealand troops of the British 8th Army today captured Faenza, Po Valley fortress city (pop. 45,000) on the broad highway arroyo to Bologna, a long siege and a defeat of the 90th Panzer Grenadier Division.

Further north despite continuing heavy enemy artillery fire, Lt.-Gen. Sir Bernard Freyberg's New Zealand troops topped Faenza, a city on the Bologna-Rimini Highway, with simultaneous punches into the town from the southwest and east, and then entered three miles to Highway 9 toward Ecclesia to the Santo River, reaching a bridge blown by the Germans.

Faenza, famed for Faenza, were victory for German forces. Faenza was captured by British 8th Army tank units.

Veteran Hollywood Movie Director Dies

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 17 (AP) — Stuart Paton, 61, early-day film director whose "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea" in 1916 marked the first underwater motion picture photography in Hollywood, died Saturday. Born in Scotland, he was associated with the film industry from 1912 until 1930, when he retired after an accident.

Canada Names New Ambassador To Washington

OTTAWA, Dec. 17 (CP) — Lester B. Pearson, 46, a career diplomat, yesterday was appointed Canadian Ambassador to the United States, succeeding Hon. Leighton McCarthy who has resigned.

Mr. Pearson has held the post of minister at the Canadian Embassy in Washington.

Prime Minister Mackenzie King announced the appointment and resignation in an official statement. He said that Mr. McCarthy had accepted the post of representative Canada in Washington in 1944 in response to an urgent request and he had carried on through the most critical stages of the war. His resignation had been accepted with reluctance, but Mr. McCarthy had said he could not continue longer for personal and family reasons.

TRUCK DRIVER KILLED

TRURO, N.S., Dec. 17 (CP) — James E. Shea, truck driver of nearby Riverdale, was instantly killed Saturday when his truck was hit by the westbound Sydney-Halifax express of the C.N.R. at a crossing near Riverdale. Apparently the driver failed to see the approaching train, which hit the truck behind the cab and carried it along for 100 feet.

Cylindrical lenses for correcting vision were seldom prescribed until the end of the 19th century.

Claim Bone Picked For Big Three Parley

LONDON, Dec. 17 (CP) — The Paris radio, quoting informed London circles, said tonight that the next meeting of Prime Minister Churchill, President Roosevelt and Premier Stalin would be held in Rome. No date for the proposed meeting was predicted.

AUTHOR'S SISTER DIES

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 17 (AP) — Mrs. Nellie Kroeger Mann, 46, sister-in-law of the Nobel Prize winning author Thomas Mann, died in hospital today from what police reported was a self-administered overdose of sleeping tablets.

Police said Mrs. Mann, who escaped with her husband, Heinrich Mann, German writer, from Germany in 1940, was found unconscious in her home Saturday. Mann told the investigators he knew of no motive.

Uncover Air Force For Mighty Effort

Saint John Coal Firm Has Fire Loss

SAINT JOHN, N.B., Dec. 17 (CP) — Damage caused by a fire early yesterday at the West Saint John premises of Parker D. Mitchell Ltd., coal dealer, was estimated at \$86,000. The loss included the coal pocket — a large wooden building — 1,520 tons of coal, three trucks and miscellaneous equipment. Buildings containing scales, a screening plant and offices, and two houses were badly damaged.

English Author Died Saturday

LONDON, Dec. 17 (AP) — Philip Meadala, prominent English historian, biographer and essayist, died Saturday in a London hospital.

An honor student at Rusby and Oxford, Mr. Meadala was a first class in 1913 to devote his energies to writing, at which he had already achieved some success.

He wrote in a vivid style, leading some critics to complain that his work had "brilliance without balance" and "color without perspective," but his works were generally popular.

Favorably received in the United States, he wrote in 1926 a sympathetic history of the revolution, "Fathers of the Revolution," which "Wellington" was an American Literary Guild selection in 1931.

Among his other widely-read works were "The Hundred Years," covering the period from 1336 to Edward VIII's accession to the throne; "The Hundred Years," covering the abdication; "Mr. Churchill: A Portrait," published in 1934, and last year "The Two Marshals," a comparative biographical study of Marshal Petain and Marshal Achille Bazaine, the controversial commander of the Franco-Prussian war.

Prime Minister King Presented With Picture

OTTAWA, Dec. 17 (CP) — Those members of the Federal Cabinet who were in Ottawa, including Resources Minister Cresser, Agriculture Minister Gardiner and Finance Minister Tisley called today to present Prime Minister Mackenzie King and presented him with a silver-framed photograph on the occasion of his 70th birthday.

The photograph is one taken of the Earl of Athlone, President-elect of the Commonwealth, and Mr. King during the Quebec Conference, and its frame bears engraved signatures of cabinet members.

Mr. King also was presented during the day with a solid silver salver, the gift of the Diplomatic Corps and Ottawa and its representatives of British Commonwealth countries. The salver bears the engraved signatures of the donors.

Special Activities By Paratroopers

LONDON, Dec. 17 (CP Cable) — Special Forces paratrooper troops were dropped by parachute into North Africa prior to the landing of Allied forces along the coast of Sicily on the night of June 10-11, 1943. It was permitted to disclose today.

An disclosure followed by a few hours' word that scores of daring French-speaking officers of the Canadian army parachuted into France before the invasion of that country last June 6.

In each case, the air-borne veterans carried out important secret tasks on behalf of the Allied high command.

Reveal Text Of Franco-Soviet Pact

By Joseph Bynan

PARIS, Dec. 17 (AP) — The new French-Russian alliance pledges mutual economic and military assistance for at least 20 years and co-operative steps to bar Germany from any future aggression, it was disclosed today.

The text of the historic alliance, released by the Quai D'Orsay, declared the two countries were resolved to collaborate in establishing a world organization for peace, and pledged a common, no-quarter struggle until final victory over Germany.

Article three commits Russia and France to undertake to adopt all necessary measures in common accord at the end of the present conflict with Germany to eliminate any new threat emanating from Germany and to bar the way to any kind of initiative rendering possible a new German attempt at aggression.

If such measures, or any German aggression, involves either nation in hostilities with the Reich, "the other party will immediately bring it all the aid and assistance in its power," the treaty said.

Under the pact signed in Moscow Dec. 16, both countries agreed to lend each other all possible economic aid to facilitate and speed up the reconstruction of their respective countries and contribute to the prosperity of the world.

They agreed to fight on side by side with the other United Nations until "final victory over Germany" and not to enter separate negotiations with Germany or conclude an armistice or peace treaty "either with the Hitlerite government or with any other government or authority set up by Germany with the aim of prolonging or neutralizing the policy of German aggression."

France and Russia "undertake not to conclude alliances or enter coalitions aimed against one or the other of them," the text said, but this treaty does not affect their respective commitments in previous alliances—such as the Anglo-Russian pact.

Gen. De Gaulle and French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault gave the Cabinet a lengthy explanation of the alliance today, and decided to submit the treaty to its consultative assembly before ratification. The Cabinet, it was announced, studied the pact with satisfaction and termed it "a capital factor in solidarity with the United Nations" as well as an essential element in the future security of France.

Gen. De Gaulle will submit the pact to the Assembly this week. The treaty will be valid for 20 years continuing indefinitely after that period unless either party give at least a year's notice of renunciation.

International At A Glance

PARIS, Dec. 17 (AP) — The German army re-invaded Belgium and Luxembourg today in its first major counter-offensive since the Normandy campaign, striking along its 1940 route of conquest after engulfing United States 1st army lines in an inferno of artillery fire and calling out its long-hidden air force.

A dispatch from the United States 9th army front said that for the first time since the Allies went ashore last June, the Germans had seized the initiative.

Striking with tanks and infantry, the enemy drove armored spearheads into United States lines south of Monschau, 16 miles southwest of Aachen. (A Blue Network front broadcast said this attack was checked short of the Belgian border.)

Another tank-led assault rolled into Belgium and to within 10 miles of the Belgian city of Malmedy, 23 miles south of Aachen. American positions near Honfleur, two miles inland Belgium, were overrun.

Ferocious air battles raged overhead and by nightfall 100 German planes had been shot down as a cost of 35 United States fighters.

An inferno of artillery fire plunged into the American lines. Parachute troops in considerable numbers dropped behind the American positions in two corps areas on the 1st Army front and also behind the United States 9th Army. Dropping in groups of four to eight, many were captured.

The long-hidden German Air Force roared out at least 450 strong and by nightfall had lost 143 planes in terrific air battles that cost 33 United States fighters. It was the enemy's greatest show of air power since the Allies stormed the French coast.

The battle flared along a 60-mile front from Rotterdam 10 miles southeast of Aachen, on south into Luxembourg, where at least two small penetrations were made before the Americans held.

William F. Bond, Associated Press Correspondent, said the land assault was concentrated some 25 miles south of Aachen, where German

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6 MORE SHOPPING DAYS

A KISS IS A MATHEMATICAL PROBLEM WHICH HAS TO BE DIVIDED BY TWO!



MEASUREMENT BUREAU, CHARLOTTETOWN, Dec. 17 (CP) — Minimum and maximum temperatures: Vancouver 35, 30; Edmonton 16, 35; Regina 7 below, 16; Winnipeg 9 below, 8; Toronto 23, 29; Ottawa 14, 28; Montreal 18, 23; Quebec 1, 18; Saint John —, —; Moncton 24, 28; Halifax 34, 40; Charlottetown 31, 37.

Forecasts: — Lower St. Lawrence and Lake St. John — Fresh winds, partly cloudy and much colder with scattered snowfalls.

Gulf, north shore and Bay Chaleur — Strong winds, mostly cloudy and colder with light snowfalls or flurries.

Maritime West — Fresh to strong winds with light snow, probably part rain in Nova Scotia becoming colder.

Maritime East — Fresh to strong winds cloudy with occasional light snow colder at night and on Tuesday.

High tide this afternoon at 2:13 and tonight at 1:25.

Sun sets this afternoon at 5:20 and rises tomorrow mornning at 8:33.

First quarter moon December 22, 12:54 P.M.

Summertime tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

DAILY AIR SERVICE — Charlottetown — Summerside — Moncton

Leaves Charlottetown 7 A.M. 11:30 A.M. 5:15 P.M. Arrives Charlottetown 12:45 P.M. 5:45 P.M. 7:30 P.M.

SUNDAY SERVICE — Charlottetown 11:30 A.M. and 4 P.M. Arrive Charlottetown 2 P.M. and 5:45 P.M.

CHARLOTTETOWN — NEW GLASGOW (Daily except Sunday)

Leave Charlottetown 1 P.M. Arrive Charlottetown 5:20 P.M.